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SUBJECT: JEFF LONG LETTER

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1. WE HAVE TODAY POUCHED YOU AN ADDITIONAL COPY OF JEFF LONG'S ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING TORTURE IN NEPALESE JAILS. AS YOU WILL NOTE, SPECIFIC CHARGES ARE MUCH MORE DETAILED THAN THE OCCASIONAL VAGUE RUMOR OF POLICE BRUTALITY AND CONTRARY TO ALL INFORMATION WE HAVE OBTAINED TO DATE, INCLUDING FROM OPPOSITION FIGURES. NONETHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON THESE ALLEGATIONS, WHICH ARE NOW PUBLIC IF NOT PUBLICIZED, WE WILL NEED TO RESPOND TO LONG'S CHARGES. GON MAY ALSO BE DIRECTLY ACCUSED OF PRACTICING TORTURE, PERHAPS IN THE PRESS, AND WE, THEREFORE, BELIEVE GON WOULD WANT TO KNOW NATURE OF ALLEGATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD SUPPLY COPY OF ENCLOSURE TO GON AT ANY LEVEL CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, NOTE THAT NEPALESE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLA-
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TIONS MAY PROVE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH GON AND USG, AND ASK GON TO INFORM US OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THESE CHARGES.

2. SENSITIVE TIBETAN ISSUE SHOULD NOT NOW BE DISCUSSED WITH GON. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO EDIT LONG'S ENCLOSURE TO OMIT REFERENCE TO KHAMPAS. TIBETAN PROBLEM WILL BE SUBJECT

TO SEPTEL. WE REALIZE THAT GON'S PAST EXPERIENCE WITH
LONG WILL AFFECT THE GON'S REACTION. IF YOU THINK IT
WOULD BE USEFUL YOU MAY WISH TO OMIT LONG'S NAME THOUGH WE
RECOGNIZE THAT, ULTIMATELY, THIS IS LIKELY TO BECOME
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